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## CIA Describes Case of Nerves

**Red Minister of Justice  
Haunted by Spirit of Revolt**

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Washington — (UPI) — The nervous life of a Communist East German woman official was described today by the assistant director of the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency).

East German Minister of Justice Hilde Benjamin is in "continual suspense" in a country "primed for revolt," Mr. Helms spoke to the Military Government Association's 12th annual conference.

HE SAID HILDE was thoroughly trained in the Soviet Union before she returned to East Germany in 1949.

"She had learned well what Soviet law is: A Communist sacrificial rite performed periodically to remind the tribe not to break the taboos."

"Today, as minister of justice, Hilde dominates what is left of East German jurisprudence. But she does not seem happy. She has been known to storm from her chambers and scream at a confused clerk in the room above her that his chair squeaks. She polished off a very large glass of cognac at a gulp. At least one bodyguard protects her at all times — three when she's home. The minister of justice is nervous."

Mr. Helms' theme was that "if Americans stand firm in patience and resolution, the self-determination of people may some day come to life in Eastern Europe."

"The spirit of . . . rebellion lives in Hungary, in liber-

ated Austria, in threatened Berlin, in the USSR itself."

THE SOVIETS, he said, "purposely . . . destroy all elements of national life that do not contribute to the supremacy of communism and, more particularly, of the USSR."

Russian experience in occupation of Austria "provided them with a postgraduate course in suppression" even though they later were forced out.